(c) Press Council of India does not adjudicate complaints against Electronic Media (TV channels) as its domain extends only over Print Media.

Political solution for Sri Lanka

*78. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Secretary visited Sri Lanka and handed over a letter from Prime Minister to the president of Sri Lanka and reiterated India's support for a political solution;

(b) if so, whether India has been pushing the Government of Sri Lanka to come out with a solution devolution package acceptable to all sections of society, particularly the Tamils;

(c) if so, what was the outcome of the discussions; and

(d) to what extent Sri Lanka has responded to India's proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Foreign Secretary visited Sri lanka from July 3-4,2006 and conveyed a message from our Prime Minister to the Sri Lankan President reiterating India's support for a political solution.

(b) and (c) Government of India has emphasised to the Government of Sri Lanka the need to make all possible efforts to strengthen the ceasefire and to work towards an early revival of the political dialogue in order to move the peace process forward. India has consistently been in favour of a politically negotiated settlement of the ethnic issue in Sri Lanka and in this regard, Government has stressed the need for a devolution package acceptable to all sections of the Sri Lankan society.

(d) The Sri Lankan Government has conveyed that war is not an option and that it remained committed to a political solution to the ethnic issue.

Sale of surplus coal by captive coal producers

*79. SHRI KARNENOU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to permit sale of surplus coal by captive coal producers to other end-users;

(b) if so, by when the law would be enacted; and